

REMARKS

Claims 12-13 have been canceled to allow prosecution of claims 1-11 and 14-19.

Further, new claims 20-22 have been added and Applicant has submitted a corrected Figure 1 previously accepted by the Examiner in the parent application referenced below.

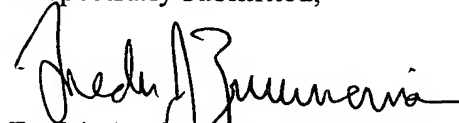
With respect to the prior co-pending U.S. application Serial No. 09/803,655, Applicant hereby incorporates the claims of priority from Japanese Application No. 2000-069172 filed on March 13, 2000 and Japanese Application No. 2000-242998 filed on August 10, 2000, and claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

The prior application is assigned of record to NEC Microwave Tube, Ltd. at Reel 013449 and Frame 0201.

Early and favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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